


# Georgia's Pre-K Program Update Webinar

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## Pre-K Program Updates



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- **Current Program Statistics 2011-2012**

- Budgeted Slots: 86,000
- Allocated Slots: 85,470
- Current Enrollment: 83,024
- Fill Rate: 96.54%
- Teacher Retention Rate:
  - Lead Teachers: 2012: 70% 2011: 83%
  - Assistant Teachers: 2012: 68% 2011: 79%

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- **Governor's Proposed Pre-K Budget** (released 1-11)
  - Increase in 10 days for the school calendar
  - Funding for 84,000 slots
  - No change in class size of 22 students
  - DECAL is currently reviewing
- **Impacts**
  - Increase in pay for teaching staff due to increase in days
  - Reviewing data to determine possible impact on slot distribution
- **Budget not finalized; must go through legislative process, may be additional changes**

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### Improving Quality:

- **Continued alignment to K-3 education system**
  - Georgia Testing Identification Number (GTID) to link each child to DOE Longitudinal Data System
  - Pre-K Standards Alignment to K -12 Georgia Common Core Performance Standards
  - Increase in online Pre-K assessment (WSO) to link to DOE database
- **Ongoing Research**
  - Pre-K Longitudinal Study
  - CLASS Data

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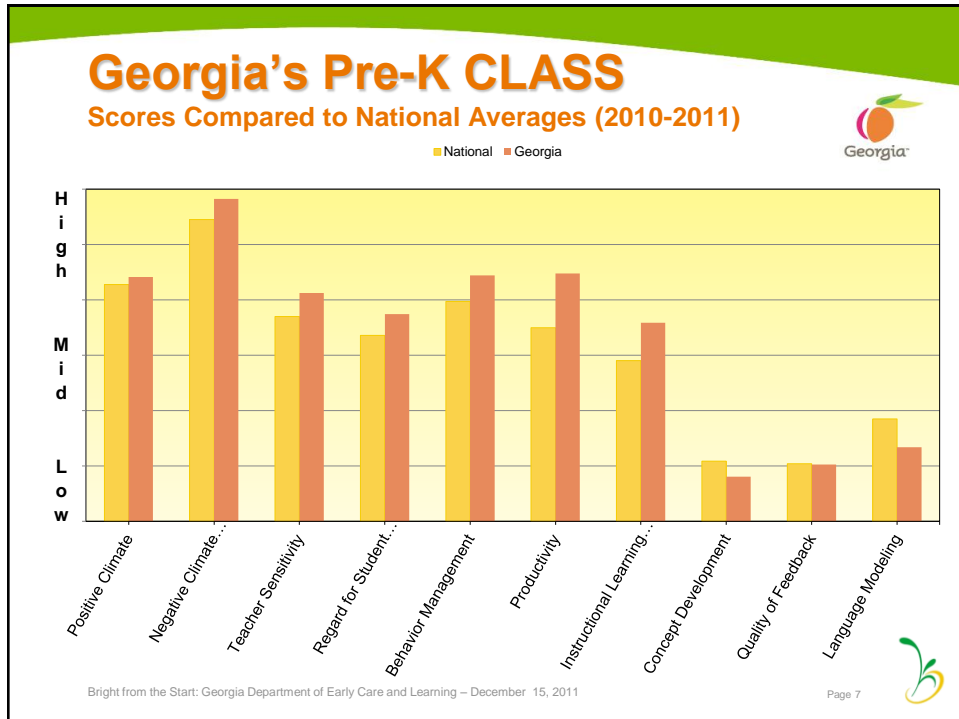


- **Focus on improving instructional support using Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) instrument**
  - Ongoing classroom observations
  - Participation in K-12 Race to the Top
  - Professional Development Models
    - Four models in the Race to the Top counties
    - Effectiveness Study

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## CLASS Observations 2011-2012

- Random sample of 1/3 of the Pre-K classrooms
- Priority given to teachers who did not receive an observation last school year
- Will begin in mid to late January and completed by April 30<sup>th</sup>
- Observations take about 2 hours
- Completed by Pre-K Consultants
- CLASS Reports will be available sooner and managed in PANDA – automatic email when report is available

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## Grant Checklist Visits



- Begin early February and completed by March 30<sup>th</sup>
- Random sample of 10% of the Pre-K sites
- Visits will be scheduled with Pre-K Administration
- Pre-K Consultants will complete the visits
- PANDA Pilot for electronic submission

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## Next steps for Programs



- **3<sup>rd</sup> Pre-K Roster:**
  - Count Date- January 9<sup>th</sup> Due Date- January 16<sup>th</sup>
- **Student Registration:**
  - Pending state budget and based on available Pre-K funding
- **Class Move Requests:** Appendix Q
  - Submit for review, approval based on budget
- **Class Closure Notifications:**
  - Send email to [panda.support@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:panda.support@dec.al.ga.gov) with site name, class ID, and closure date
- **Check DECAL website for updates**

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## Next Steps for DECAL



- **Guideline Revisions:**
  - Send Suggestions to [PreK@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:PreK@dec.al.ga.gov)
- **Stakeholder Feedback**
  - Advisory Groups
  - Surveys
- **Budget Updates**
  - Pre-K Updates Webpage
  - Webinars
  - PANDA updates
  - Questions or comments: [PreK@dec.al.ga.gov](mailto:PreK@dec.al.ga.gov)



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